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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 30 TH UNGA: LESOTHO

1. AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN MET WITH LESOTHO'S PERMREP, AMBASSADOR D.K. NOTO, THIS MORNING, OCTOBER 31, AT THE LATTER'S URGENT REQUEST. NOTO SAID HE WAS VERY DISAPPOINTED WITH THE OUTCOME OF THE VOTE ON KOREA IN THE FIRST COMMITTEE. WITH BOTH RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED, HE FOUND THE SITUATION COMPLICATED AND WORRYING. HE ASKED FOR AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN'S VIEWS.

2. AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN RESPONDED THAT A FINAL SOLUTION TO THE KOREAN PROBLEM WILL HAVE TO AWAIT THE PASSING OF KIM IL SUNG. AS FOR THE PRESENT SITUATION AT THE UN, IT APPEARS WE WILL HAVE TO LIVE WITH THE ADOPTION OF BOTH RESOLUTIONS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. SOME DELEGATIONS ARE SAID TO BE SEEKING A WAY OUT AND IF A SENSIBLE ALTERNATIVE IS PRODUCED, WE WILL BE RESPONSIVE. BUT WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT ANYTHING WHICH, LIKE THE "HOSTILE" RESOLUTION, IGNORES THE EXISTENCE OF SOUTH KOREA AND DOES NOT MAKE PROVISION FOR A VIABLE REPLACEMENT OF THE CURRENT ARMISTICE ARRANGEMENT. THE PRESENCE OF UNITED STATES TROOPS IN SOUTH KOREA UNDER THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT

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WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE ADOPTION OF THE OPPOSING RESO-

LUTIONS. DEFENSE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER SAID, IN ONNECTION WITH HIS RECENT TRIP TO KOREA, WE DO LOOK TO WITHDRAWAL OF OUR FORCES IN FOUR YEARS. THE SOUTH KOREANS ARE IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE WHOLLY FOR THEIR OWN DEFENSE AND WE ARE URGING THEM TO DO SO. THOUGH KIM IL SUGN IS IN AN ADVENTUROUS MOOD, IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT NEITHER CHINA NOR THE SOVIET UNION HAS THE INTENTION OF MAKING MOVES OR OF ENCOURAGING NORTH KOREA TO TAKE DANGEROUS STEPS WHICH COULD LEAD TO WAR.

3. AMBASSADOR NOTO SAID, WITH EVIDENT SINCERITY, THAT HE WAS VERY RELIEVED TO HAVE AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN'S REASSURANCE AND HIS COUNSEL THAT THE SITUATION BE VIEWED AT THIS TIME WITH SERENITY.

4. IN A SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH MISOFF, NOTO EMPHASIZED, AS HE HAD DNE TO AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN, HIS FULL AGREEMENT THAT ANY PROPOSAL NOT PROVIDING FOR SOUTH KOREAN PARTICIPATION "MAKES NO SENSE AT ALL." IT THIS CONNECTION, HE SAID HE HIMSELF WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTING AND LESOTHO'S ABSTENTION ON THE "HOSTILE" RESOLUTION HAD BEEN THE "RESULT OF CONFUSION." HE COULD ASSURE US THE ERROR WOULD NOT BE REPEATED. MOYNIHAN

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